

will the FCC have the courage to uphold the laws of the United States of America or will it cower to the special interests like the rest of the government? The law in this matter is clear. If Sinclair wishes to show the anti-Kerry film, it MUST show a pro-Kerry film of the same duration and at an equally valued time slot.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.